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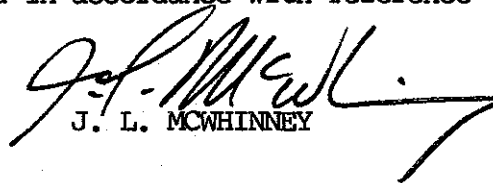
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USS WHITE PLAINS COMMAND HISTORY
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

JAN 9, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS.

JAN 11, 1985 ARRIVE GUAM.

JAN 12, 1985 WHITE PLAINS "DEPENDENTS" CRUISE.

JAN 14, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.

JAN 19, 1985 WHITE PLAINS ARRIVES YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.

JAN 21, 1985 COMO BUTCHER PRESENTS WHITE PLAINS WITH SEVENTH
CONSECUTIVE BLUE "R" AWARD FOR RETENTION.

FEB 4, 1985 DEPART YOKOSUKA FOR GUAM.

FEB 9, 1985 ARRIVE GUAM.

FEB 25, 1985 UNDERWAY FROM GUAM. REFUEL WITH USNS
PASSUMPSIC; UNREP AND REFUEL USS GEORGE PHILLIP AND
USS ROBISON.

FEB 26, 1985 CONDUCT UNREP TRAINING WITH USS ROBISON AND USS GEORGE
PHILLIPS.

FEB 27, 1985 ARRIVE GUAM.

MAR 14, 1985 UNDERWAY TO CONDUCT MIT PHASE TWO.

MAR 18, 1985 ARRIVE GUAM.

MAR 19, 1985 RECEIVE MESSAGE ANNOUNCING WHITE PLAINS WINNING
BATTLE "E".

MAR 22, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS.

MAR 23, 1985 ARRIVE GUAM.

MAR 26, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR SUBIC BAY, OPPE PEB BOARD EMBARKED.

MAR 31, 1985 ARRIVE SUBIC BAY, PREPARE TO ENTER DRYDOCK FOR
REPAIRS ON SHAFT.

APR 1, 1985 DRYDOCKED FOR SHAFT REPAIRS.

APR 16, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR INDIAN OCEAN.

APR 18, 1985	DISTRIBUTE WATER TO VIETNAMESE FISHING BOATS.
APR 26, 1985	FIRST UNREP OF THE DEPLOYMENT WITH USS CAMDEN.
APR 27, 1985	CONDUCT MASIRAH AIRHEAD OPERATIONS. VERTREP USS CONSTELLATION.
APR 28, 1985	RAADM EDNEY VISITS WHITE PLAINS.
APR 29, 1985	CONDUCT TOW-BE-TOWED EXERCISE.
APR 30, 1985	ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN, TO TAKE ABOARD FFV. UNDERWAY TO CONREP AND REFUEL USNS PASSUMPSIC.
MAY 1, 1985	VERTREP USS CALLAGHAN, USS CALIFORNIA, USS JASON.
MAY 2, 1985	VERTREP USS CAMDEN, USS FANNING, USS FLETCHER.
MAY 3, 1985	CONREP USS CONSTELLATION.
MAY 4, 1985	UNREP USS WORDEN.
MAY 7, 1985	CONDUCT MASIRAH AIRHEAD OPERATIONS.
MAY 8, 1985	VERTREP USS JASON, USS CAMDEN, USS CALIFORNIA; CONREP USS CALIFORNIA.
MAY 9, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR MUSCAT, OMAN. REFUEL USS FLETCHER, USS CALLAHAN. VERTREP USS CONSTELLATION, USNS PASSUMPSIC, USS FANNING, USS FLETCHER.
MAY 10, 1985	CONDUCT GUNSHOOT.
MAY 12, 1985	VERTREP USS CONSTELLATION, REFUEL FROM USNS PASSUMPSIC.
MAY 13, 1985	ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN, TO TAKE ABOARD FFV. UNDERWAY FOR MASIRAH.
MAY 14, 1985	CONDUCT MASIRAH AIRHEAD OPERATIONS.
MAY 15, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR DIEGO GARCIA, B.I.O.T.. CONREP USS CONSTELLATION, USS CROMMELIN. VERTREP USS JASON.
MAY 16, 1985	RENDEZVOUSED WITH USS CALIFORNIA, USS CALAHAN.
MAY 17, 1985	REFUEL FROM USNS PASSUMPSIC.
MAY 20, 1985	REFUEL USS CALLAHAN.
MAY 21, 1985	ARRIVE DIEGO GARCIA.

MAY 29, 1985 UNDERWAY FROM DIEGO GARCIA. OBSERVED SOVIET AGI UPON LEAVING DIEGO GARCIA. SHIP USED DECEPTIVE MANEUVERS TO CONCEAL DESTINATION.

MAY 30, 1985 CONREP USS CONSTELLATION, USS FLETCHER.

MAY 31, 1985 REFUEL FROM USS CAMDEN AND USS WORDON.

JUN 1, 1985 CONDUCT ASTERN REFUELING EXERCISE. ARRIVE DIEGO GARCIA, B.I.O.T.

JUN 5, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR MUSCAT, OMAN. RENDEZVOUSED WITH TWO AUSTRALIAN FFG'S.

JUN 10, 1985 CONREP USS CAMDEN, USS CONSTELLATION.

JUN 11, 1985 CONREP USS CAMDEN.

JUN 12, 1985 CONREP USS CALIFORNIA.

JUN 16, 1985 VERTREP USS CONSTELLATION.

JUN 17, 1985 ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN, TO TAKE ABOARD FFV. UNDERWAY FOR MASIRAH.

JUN 18, 1985 RENDEZVOUSED WITH USS CALLAGHAN; VERTREP USS CROMMELIN, USS FANNING, USS CONSTELLATION.

JUN 19, 1985 REFUEL FROM USNS PASSUMPSIC.

JUN 20, 1985 CONREP USS CAMDEN, ANCHOR RASAL HAD.

JUN 21, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR MASIRAH.

JUN 22, 1985 CONDUCT MASIRAH AIRHEAD OPERATIONS. UNDERWAY FOR FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA.

JUL 6, 1985 SHIP TAKES 30+ DEGREE ROLL. MAJORITY OF DAMAGE REPAIRED BY MID-MORNING AND WHITE PLAINS CONDUCTED REFUELING WITH USS FLETCHER.

JUL 8, 1985 CONSOL WITH USS CAMDEN, RENDEZVOUSED WITH USS CALLAGHAN.

JUL 9, 1985 RENDEZVOUSED WITH USS CALLAGHAN.

JUL 19, 1985 ARRIVE FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA FOR FOUR DAY VISIT.

JUL 24, 1985 UNDERWAY FOR SUBIC BAY, R.P.. UNREP USS CAMDEN.

JUL 27, 1985 REFUEL USS CROMMELIN.

AUG 1, 1985 ARRIVE SUBIC BAY, R.P. FOR THREE DAY LOAD/UNLOAD.

AUG 4, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR GUAM. CONDUCTED TIGER CRUISE DURING TRANSIT BETWEEN SUBIC BAY AND GUAM.
AUG 8, 1985	ARRIVE GUAM.
AUG 21, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR PUSAN, KOREA.
AUG 26, 1985	ARRIVED PUSAN, KOREA FOR SCHEDULED FIVE DAY VISIT.
AUG 29, 1985	UNDERWAY TWO DAYS EARLY DUE TO TROPICAL STORMS/TYPHOONS IN AREA. ENROUTE TO SASEBO, JAPAN FOR SAFE ANCHORAGE TO WAIT OUT STORMS.
AUG 30, 1985	ARRIVE SASEBO, JAPAN.
SEP 1, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR GUAM.
SEP 4, 1985	ARRIVE GUAM. BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WHERE WHITE PLAINS IS TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES NAVY AT PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION.
SEP 6, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
SEP 10, 1985	ARRIVE LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FOR TWO DAY VISIT.
SEP 12, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
SEP 15, 1985	ARRIVE PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FOR THREE DAY VISIT.
SEP 17, 1985	UNDERWAY FOR GUAM.
SEP 24, 1985	ARRIVE GUAM. PREPARE FOR DPMA.
OCT 6, 1985	ENTER DRYDOCK AT SRF, GUAM.
OCT 24, 1985	CAPT W. E. NEWMAN SUFFERS MILD HEART ATTACK. LCDR C.E. WHITAKER BECOMES ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER.
NOV 17, 1985	WHITE PLAINS OUT OF DRYDOCK - MOVES TO SRF PIER.
NOV 20, 1985	LCDR C. E. WHITAKER ASSUMES DUTIES AS INTERIM COMMANDING OFFICER.
NOV 22, 1985	WHITE PLAINS CELEBRATES 17TH BIRTHDAY.
DEC 27, 1985	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY HELD. CAPT J. L. MCWHINNEY RELIEVES LCDR C. E. WHITAKER AS COMMANDING OFFICER.

USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4) COMMAND HISTORY 1985

Guam's most recently homeported Combat Stores Ship, USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4), began 1985 pierside. WHITE PLAINS departed for three days of local operations on 9 January culminating in a dependants cruise on 12 January. She departed for a training availability in Yokosuka, Japan, two days later. While in Yokosuka, COMO Butcher, CTF 73, personally presented WHITE PLAINS with her seventh consecutive Blue "R" award for retention.

WHITE PLAINS returned to Guam on 9 February. In preparation for the upcoming Indian Ocean deployment, WHITE PLAINS left Guam on 25 February for local operations during which she conducted refuelings and underway replenishment training.

March saw WHITE PLAINS underway again to conduct Mobile Training Team (MTT) Phase 2. On 19 March, the ship received a message announcing that it had been awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award.

WHITE PLAINS departed Guam for Subic Bay on 26 March, where shaft problems necessitated the ship being drydocked for several weeks for repairs. WHITE PLAINS got underway for the Indian Ocean on 16 April.

The first "underway replenishment" of the deployment occurred 18 April, when WHITE PLAINS was approached by four Vietnamese fishing craft low on water. WHITE PLAINS responded to their needs, furnishing them with water, and continued on her way approximately one hour later.

WHITE PLAINS arrived off the coast of Masirah on April 27, and following a visit by Battle Group Commander RADM Edney on 28 April, continued on toward Muscat, Oman.

The first two weeks of May saw WHITE PLAINS operating in the North Arabian Sea, conducting replenishment exercises with the Constellation battle group. WHITE PLAINS departed the North Arabian Sea for Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T., on 15 May. The ship arrived 21 May for a eight-day onload and port visit. Departing Diego Garcia on 29 May for several days of local operations, WHITE PLAINS returned to Diego Garcia for an additional four days before departing on 5 June for the North Arabian Sea. During her transit, she rendezvoused with two Australian FFG's operating in the area. WHITE PLAINS departed the North Arabian Sea towards the end of the month, for Fremantle, Australia.

Early in the morning of 6 July, WHITE PLAINS experienced a 35 degree roll, which caused minor ship-wide damage. Most of the damage was repaired by mid-morning, and although damage to the two H-46 helicopters was not repaired until the following day, the ship's operational schedule was not effected.

WHITE PLAINS arrived in Fremantle, Australia on 19 July for a four-day visit, departing for Subic Bay, Philippines on 24 July. While in Subic Bay, WHITE PLAINS brought aboard 17 dependents, consisting of 15 dependent children and two fathers, for a Tiger Cruise between Subic Bay and Guam.

WHITE PLAINS returned to Guam on 8 August, spending only 12 days in home port before getting underway for Pusan, Korea. The Pusan visit was scheduled to last five days, but three days after the ship's arrival in Pusan, WHITE PLAINS got underway 29 August for typhoon anchorage in Sasebo, Japan, to ride out tropical storms/typhoons in the area. On 1 September, WHITE PLAINS departed Sasebo for Guam, arriving on 4 September.

The stay in Guam was brief, just one day, before again getting underway for Papua New Guinea. Chosen by Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet to represent the U.S. Navy at that country's 10th Anniversary of Independence Celebration, White Plains arrived in Lae, Papua New Guinea, on 10 September. There the ship hosted over 3,000 visitors during the three-day stay. WHITE PLAINS departed Lae on 12 September for Port Moresby, the country's capital. After transiting areas still marked as "uncharted" on naval charts, WHITE PLAINS arrived in Port Moresby on 15 September.

During the three day visit in Port Moresby, WHITE PLAINS hosted an additional 3000 visitors before departing for Guam. Arriving on 14 September, WHITE PLAINS immediately began preparing for a four and a half month DPMA that would carry over into 1986.

From 1 January until entering drydock, the WHITE PLAINS steamed 43,822 miles and consumed approximately 3,833,275 gallons of fuel.

During the first nine months of 1985, WHITE PLAINS delivered 1001.38 tons of fleet freight, delivered 176.06 tons of SAC 207 material, and transferred 2226.9 BBLs of fuel.

WHITE PLAINS entered the floating drydock at Ship Repair Facility, Guam, on 5 October. On 24 October, WHITE PLAINS Commanding Officer, Captain William E. Newman suffered a mild heart attack, and Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Clayton E. Whitaker assumed the duties as Acting Commanding Officer.

Once it became apparent that Captain Newman would not be returning to WHITE PLAINS, Lieutenant Commander Whitaker assumed the duties as Interim Commanding Officer (effective 20 November), announcing his appointment on 22 November, WHITE PLAINS' 17th birthday.

Major accomplishments made during the first three months of the DPMA included trading out the twin 3" 50 cal gun mounts and replacing them with refurbished guns, the installation of Phase B to the ship's SNAP 1 computer system, and replacing the ship's outdated telephone system with a new Dimension 2000 telephone system.

The year ended with Captain John L. McWhinney relieving Lieutenant Commander Whitaker as Commanding Officer in a ceremony held on WHITE PLAINS' flight deck 27 December.